

Surah 86 Surah Taariq

THAT WHICH COMES AT NIGHT

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TAARIQ AND SURAH BUROOJ

Surah Burooj attests the certainty of *Qiyaamah* and also mentions the punishment of this world as well as that of the *Aakhirah*. *Surah Taariq* states that if the *Kuffaar* continue to refuse to believe after these matters have been clarified, they should still be granted another opportunity to accept Imaan. However, if they choose to remain obstinate, they will be drawing Allaah's wrath upon themselves.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first four verses of the *Surah* inform people that angels have been appointed over each of them to make a meticulous record of their deeds. Therefore, they should be assured of receiving the full reward for their deeds.

“(If) **Man** (doubts the coming of *Qiyaamah*, he) **should think about what he was created from...until the words...There shall then neither be any power nor assistant for man (against Allaah's punishment)**” [verses 5 to 10]. In these verses, Allaah draws man's attention to the fact that He created man from a drop of fluid. It is therefore very simple for Him to resurrect man on the Day of *Qiyaamah*.

Verses 11 to 14 present the second logical proof to substantiate the reality of *Qiyaamah*. Allaah refers to that fact that He can easily resurrect man just as he sends rain from the skies to revive barren soil, causing it to flourish with an abundance of vegetation.

The concluding three verses of the *Surah* condemn the behaviour of the *Kuffaar* and also contain the central message of the *Surah*, i.e. to grant respite to the *Kuffaar*.

سُورَةُ الطَّارِقِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَسَبْعٌ عَشْرَةَ آيَةً
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ ۝١

1. By *(the oath of)* the sky and by that which appears by night!

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الطَّارِقُ ۝٢

2. How will you know what it is that appears by night?

النَّجْمُ الثَّاقِبُ ۝٣

3. It is the bright star.

إِنْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ لَّمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ ۝٤

4. There is no soul without a watcher *(an angel)* appointed over it *(to keep record of all its actions).*

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ مِمَّ خُلِقَ ۝٥

5. *(If)* Man *(doubts the coming of Qiyaamah, he)* should think about what he was created from.

خُلِقَ مِنْ مَّاءٍ دَافِقٍ ۝٦

6. He was created from spurting water *(semen)*...

يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الصُّلْبِ وَالتَّرَائِبِ ۝٧

7. ...which emerges from between the backbone and the chest. *(This is a reference to mens loins and women's chests)*

إِنَّهُ عَلَى رَجْعِهِ لَقَادِرٌ ۝٨

8. Verily (just as Allaah had the power to create man from nothing,) Allaah (also) has the power to raise him (on the Day of Qiyaamah).

يَوْمَ تُبْلَى السَّرَائِرُ ﴿٩﴾

9. (The Day of Qiyaamah will be) The day when secrets will be examined (and people will either be rewarded or punished).

فَمَالَهُ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَلَا نَاصِرٍ ﴿١٠﴾

10. There shall then neither be any power (to defend) nor assistant for man (against Allaah's punishment).

وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الرَّجْعِ ﴿١١﴾

11. By (the oath of) the sky from which rain falls...

وَالْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الصَّدْعِ ﴿١٢﴾

12. ...and by the earth which cleaves (opens to make way for sprouting plants) !

إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلٌ فَصْلٌ ﴿١٣﴾

13. It (the Qur'aan) is definitely a decisive speech (which differentiates falsehood from truth)...

وَمَا هُوَ بِالْهَزْلِ ﴿١٤﴾

14. ...and it is not for amusement. (It should not be treated lightly.)

إِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُونَ كَيْدًا ﴿١٥﴾

15. They (the Kuffaar) are certainly conniving (busy making) plots (to oppose Islaam)...

وَأَكِيدُ كَيْدًا ﴿١٦﴾

16. ...and I am also planning something (to ensure that their plots ultimately fail).

فَمَهْلٍ الْكَافِرِينَ أَمْهَلُهُمْ مُرْوَدًا ﴿١٧﴾

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17. So give the Kaafiroon respite (allow them a short period from punishment). Grant them respite for a while (for they will soon suffer terribly for their evils).